

PEN-TIMES 1/4/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
12/29	300 blk. Hiller	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	coins	not disclosed
12/29	Highlands Court	n/a	cameras, lens	not disclosed
12/30	2200 blk. Village Court	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	hand tools	not disclosed
12/28	2000 blk. Lyall	n/a	jewelry, misc.	not disclosed

Police log

Burglary/nonresidential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Auto accidents

1
1
2
2
15

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

1
7

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

1
17
4
7

PEN-TIMES 1/11/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
1/6	400 blk. Dale View Ave.	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	cash	key
1/6	1700 blk. Francis Ave.	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	camera equipment	force

Police log

Burglary/nonresidential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Auto accidents

4
1
3
2
6
11

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

13
3
6

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

2
5

PEN-TIMES 1/18/84

BELMONT**Police log**

Burglary/nonresidential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Auto accidents

5
1
4
1
9
15

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

10
3
5

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

2
15

PEN-TIMES 1/25/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
1/18	900 block North	7:50 a.m.-5:40 p.m.	cash, purse	unlocked window

Date Location
1/20 803 Belmont

Time
11:05 p.m.

Violent crimes

Crime
robbery

Loss
\$100

Police log

Burglary/nonresidential
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Auto accidents

1
5
3
12

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

1
8
2
5

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

7
7

PEN-TIMES 2/1/84

BELMONT**Police log**

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

2
2
4
4
2
11

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

7
2
8

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

1
13

PEN-TIMES 2/8/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
1/31	2600 block Sequoia	9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.	coins, jewelry	garage
2/3	3300 block Plateau	12:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$20	window smashed

Police log

Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

4
2
8
1
11

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

12
2
6

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

3
12

PEN. TIMES 2/15/84

BELMONT**Police log**

Burglary/non-residential	4
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	1
Stolen bicycles	1
Vandalism	4
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	21

Fire log

Medical calls	6
False alarms	1
Grass fires	1
Miscellaneous	7

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	7

PEN. TIMES 2/22/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
2/14	1500 block Molitor	1 p.m.	nothing	attempt only

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
2/15	2400 block Lincoln	12:40 a.m.	robbery	\$150
2/15	701 Harbor	8:18 p.m.	robbery	\$400-\$500

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	3
Thefts more than \$400	3
Thefts less than \$400	1
Stolen bicycles	3
Vandalism	5
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	13

Fire log

Medical calls	9
False alarms	2
Miscellaneous	4

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	6

PEN. TIMES 2/29/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
2/20	4200 block Skymont	7 p.m.-1:30 a.m.	VCR, cable box	pried door

Police log

Thefts less than \$400	4
Vandalism	4
Auto accidents	10

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	2
Medical calls	14
False alarms	3
Miscellaneous	4

Arrests

Drunken driving	4
Others	15

PEN. TIMES 3/7/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
2/28	900 block Academy Court	6 p.m.-10 p.m.	liquor, jewelry	window
3/3	1500 block Ralston Ave.	10:35 p.m.	stereo, wallet	no force

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	7
Thefts less than \$400	5
Vandalism	4
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	6

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	17
False alarms	5
Miscellaneous	3

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	8

PEN. TIMES 3/14/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
3/8	1900 block Oak Knoll	1:15 a.m.	nothing	attempt only
3/8	2800 block Alhambra	8:30 a.m.-noon	TV, stereo	forced window

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
3/10	*Belmont Canyon Road	4:55 p.m.	shooting	n/a

Violent crimes**Police log**

Burglary/non-residential	3
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	4
Vandalism	6
Auto accidents	11

Fire log

Medical calls	1
Miscellaneous	5

Arrests

Drunken driving	5
Others	9

PEN. TIMES 3/21/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date Location
3/12 300 block Malcolm
3/17 1800 block Ralston

Time
4:30 a.m.
5:45 p.m.

Loss
purse
not disclosed

Entry
window smash
storage shed

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

4
8
1
6
1
13

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms

11
5

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

3
8

PEN. TIMES 3/28/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date Location
3/21 1000 blk. Continentals Way

Time
10:13 a.m.

Loss
nothing

Entry
attempt only

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

3
5
1
5
1
7

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

1
3
2
7

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

2
7

PEN. TIMES 4/4/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date Location
3/20-
30 1000 blk. Continentals Way

Time
10 days

Loss
3 gold rings

Entry
not forced

Police log

Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Auto accidents
Miscellaneous

6
5
8
6

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms

2
8
4

Arrests

Drunken driving
Warrants
Others

2
4
1

PEN. TIMES 4/11/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date Location
4/3 1200 block Geraldine
4/5 600 block Wessex Way
4/7 3800 block Naughton

Time
2:30 — 12 p.m.
10:30 a.m. — 3 p.m.
unknown

Loss
nothing
stereo receiver
jacuzzi

Entry
forced
not forced
not forced

Violent Crimes

Date Location
4/7 3500 block Hillcrest

Time
unknown

Crime
assault

Loss
n/a

Police log

Non-residential burglaries
Thefts over \$200
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Auto accidents
Miscellaneous

5
1
4
14
10
5

Arrests

Drunken driving
Warrants
Felony
Others

2
3
3
7

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

9
3
3

PEN. TIMES 4/18/84

BELMONT**Police log**

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

3
2
9
5
1
9

Fire log

Medical calls
False alarms
Miscellaneous

13
1
4

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

2
10

PEN. TIMES 4/25/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
4/16	800 block Broadway	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	jewelry, radio	forced door
4/16	1600 block Raiston	4 p.m.-2 p.m.	clothing	unknown

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	5
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	7
Vandalism	1
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	12

Fire log

Medical calls	6
False alarms	1
Miscellaneous	4

Arrests

Drunken driving	5
Others	7

PEN. TIMES 5/2/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
4/28	1100 block Alomar	7 p.m.-10:45 p.m.	nothing	pried door

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	2
Thefts more than \$400	3
Thefts less than \$400	5
Vandalism	1
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	7

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	8
False alarms	2
Miscellaneous	11

Arrests

Drunken driving	1
Others	8

PEN. TIMES 5/9/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
5/2	600 block Hiller	8 p.m.-11 p.m.	guns	window smash
5/2	400 block Hiller	noon-11 p.m.	TV	pried door

Date	Location
5/2	*520 Masonic

Time	Crime
12:51 p.m.	bank robbery

Loss	\$670
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Police log

Burglary/non-residential	5
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	5
Vandalism	6
Auto accidents	10

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	12
False alarms	2
Miscellaneous	9

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	8

PEN. TIMES 5/16/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
5/13	800 block Alameda	2:30 p.m.	nothing	attempt only

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	1
Thefts less than \$400	4
Stolen bicycles	1
Vandalism	5
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	7

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	4
False alarms	3
Grass fires	1

Arrests

Drunken driving	1
Others	8

PEN. TIMES 5/23/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
5/17	2800 block San Ardo	7 p.m.-7:15 a.m.	bike, skateboard	open door
5/19	800 block Laurel	unknown	nothing	attempt only

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	4
Thefts more than \$400	3
Thefts less than \$400	3
Vandalism	5
Auto accidents	19

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	3
Miscellaneous	6

Arrests

Drunken driving	0
Others	15

PEN. TIMES 5/30/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
5/23	900 block Anita	2:40 a.m.	goblets, socks	unknown
5/23	900 block Anita	11:50 a.m.-noon	coins, jewelry	unknown
5/25	0-100 block Kimmie	7 a.m.	nothing	attempt only
5/25	800 block Alameda	6 p.m.-2:40 p.m.	undetermined	unknown
5/26	2400 block Hallmark	7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	VCR, jewelry	unknown

Date	Location	Time	Fires	Loss	Cause
5/26	2008 Forest	7:13 p.m.		\$2,000	cooking oil

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Auto accidents

Fire log

2 Fires under \$500 damage
1 Medical calls
6 False alarms
5 Miscellaneous

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

1
12

PEN. TIMES 8/8/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
7/28	2700 block Walthun Cross	unknown	not disclosed	not forced
8/1	2200 block Pullman	5:30 - 11:30 p.m.	TV/coins/necklace	pry tool

Police log

Non-residential burglaries	6
Thefts more than \$400	2
Stolen bicycles	2
Vandalism	5
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	13

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	2
Medical calls	11
False alarms	3
Miscellaneous	6

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Misdemeanor	4
Warrants	4

PEN. TIMES 8/15/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
8/6	2300 block Coronet	12:30 a.m.	\$6,051 in property	roof window
8/9	1300 block Notre Dame	6:10 a.m.-9:10 p.m.	jewelry, coins	pried window

Police log

Thefts more than \$400	1
Thefts less than \$400	3
Stolen bicycles	1
Vandalism	5
Auto accidents	8

Fire log

Medical calls	10
False alarms	5
Miscellaneous	3

Arrests

Others	10
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PEN. TIMES 8/22/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
8/14	1100 block Tahoe	4:30 p.m.-2 a.m.	\$110 in cash	not forced
8/14	500 block Crestview	9 p.m.-7 p.m.	two sleeping bags	forced
8/15	900 block South Road	1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	miscellany	forced

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
8/17	3212 Lori Court	5:39 p.m.	assault	undisclosed

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	1
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	7

Stolen bicycles	1
Vandalism	4
Auto accidents	7

Arrests

Miscellaneous	9
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PEN. TIMES 9/5/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
8/27	800 block Alameda	8:30 p.m.	undisclosed	forced
8/28	2400 block Coronet	8 p.m.-7:30 a.m.	jewelry	not forced
8/29	2700 block Coronet	9:45 a.m.-5 p.m.	none	attempted

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
8/29	1410 El Camino	1:24 a.m.	assault	undisclosed

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	6
Thefts less than \$400	5
Vandalism	5
Auto accidents	22

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage	1
Medical calls	8
False alarms	2
Grass fires	1
Miscellaneous	8

Arrests

Drunken driving	4
Others	17

PEN TIMES 9/12/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
9/1-3	1300 block Paloma	noon-4 p.m.	two rifles	broke window
9/8-9	2700 block Belmont Canyon	3 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	necklace	pried window

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	1
Thefts less than \$400	5
Vandalism	1
Stolen vehicles	1
Auto accidents	10

Fire log

Medical calls	2
Miscellaneous	1

Arrests

Others	10
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PEN TIMES 10/13/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
9/27	2000 block Valerga	2 p.m.-10:45 p.m.	TV, VCR	pried door

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
9/28	Notre Dame H.S.	11:07 p.m.	assault	undisclosed
9/29	2211 Cipriani	10:03 p.m.	assault	undisclosed
9/26	1 Dairy Lane	1:40 p.m.	armed robbery	\$75

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	1
Thefts more than \$400	4
Thefts less than \$400	1
Stolen bicycles	1
Vandalism	7
Auto accidents	7

PEN TIMES 10/10/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
10/3	1200 block Alameda	undisclosed	none	attempted window
10/5	2500 block Shoreline	6 a.m.-10 p.m.	watch	

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
10/4	1700 block Terrace	3:40 p.m.	assault	undisclosed
10/2	Ralston I.S.	4:40 p.m.-8:45 p.m.	murder	n/a

Police log

Thefts less than \$400	4
Vandalism	3
Auto accidents	6

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	10

PEN TIMES 10/17/84

BELMONT
Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
10/9	2000 block Monserat	7:20 a.m.-4 p.m.	VCR, cash	forced door

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
10/12	Carlmont & Alameda	4:44 p.m.	assault	undisclosed
10/12	801 Miramar	10:23 p.m.	assault with gun	undisclosed

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	2
Thefts less than \$400	4
Vandalism	4
Stolen vehicles	2
Auto accidents	7

Arrests

Drunken driving	2
Others	8

PEN. TIMES 10/24/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
10/17	0-100 block Garden	8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.	VCR, jewelry	forced window
10/19	800 block Alameda	3:30 p.m.-4:15 a.m.	TV switcher	unlocked window
10/20	500 block Middle	1:30 p.m.-7 p.m.	watch	removed screen
10/20	800 block Alameda	1 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	TV, miscellany	pried door

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
10/17	Waterdog Lake	8:30 p.m.	aggravated assault	undisclosed
10/17	AM/PM mart	10:30 p.m.	assault	undisclosed

Police log**Arrests**

Burglary/non-residential	4	Drunken driving	2
Thefts more than \$400	1	Others	11
Thefts less than \$400	8		
Vandalism	12		
Stolen vehicles	1		
Auto accidents	10		

PEN. TIMES 10/31/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
10/21	800 block Alameda	1 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	TV, miscellaneous	pried door
10/26	2500 block of Somerset	5:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	jewelry	smashed window

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
10/26	Carlmont Shopping Center	6:18 p.m.	assault	unknown

Police log

Burglary/non-residential	4
Thefts more than \$400	2
Thefts less than \$400	4
Bike thefts	2
Vandalism	5
Auto accidents	19
Stolen vehicles	3

Arrests

Drunken driving	3
Felony	3
Misdemeanor	8
Warrants	5

Fire log

Grass fires	1
Miscellaneous	2
Vehicle fires	1

PEN. TIMES 11/7/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
11/4	800 block Laurel	night	car keys	unlocked door

Police log**Arrests****Fire log**

Burglary/non-residential	7	Others	7	Fires under \$500 damage	1
Thefts less than \$400	7			Medical calls	6
Stolen bicycles	1			Miscellaneous	4
Vandalism	9				
Auto accidents	1				

PEN. TIMES 11/14/84

BELMONT**Police log****Fire log****Arrests**

Burglary/non-residential	2	Medical calls	9	Drunken driving	2
Thefts more than \$400	1	Miscellaneous	11	Others	5
Thefts less than \$400	4				
Vandalism	20				
Stolen vehicles	2				
Auto accidents	20				

PEN. TIMES 11/23/84

BELMONT**Police log**

Burglary/non-residential
 Thefts more than \$400
 Thefts less than \$400
 Vandalism
 Auto accidents
 Stolen vehicles

9 Drunken driving
 2 Misdemeanor
 4 Warrants
 5
 20
 1

Fire log

Medical calls 9
 False alarms 1
 Miscellaneous 20

PEN. TIMES 11/28/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
11/21	800 block of Holly	unknown	go-cart	unknown
11/21	1000 Kedith	11 a.m.-6 p.m.	refrigerator	unforced

Police log

Burglary/non-residential 3
 Thefts less than \$400 2
 Vandalism 7
 Auto accidents 11

Arrests

Drunken driving 2
 Misdemeanor 5
 Warrants 8

Fire log

Medical calls 10
 Miscellaneous 5

PEN. TIMES 12/5/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
11/26	675 block of Middle	daytime	TV	unforced
11/27	2100 block of Lyon	night	tape recorder	pried door
11/27	800 block of Holly	daytime	motorcycle, misc.	cut bolt

Police log

Burglary/non-residential 2
 Thefts less than \$400 6
 Vandalism 6
 Auto accidents 24
 Stolen vehicles 3

Arrests

Drunken driving 3
 Misdemeanor 1
 Warrants 8

Fire log

Medical calls 4
 Miscellaneous 3

PEN. TIMES 12/12/84

BELMONT**Residential burglaries**

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
12/5	1200 block of 5th Ave.	10:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	cash, gun	force
12/7	2700 block of Wakefield	noon-4:30 p.m.	VCR	window
12/7	1400 block of 5th Ave.	daytime	none	attempted

Violent crimes

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
12/9	500 block of Masonic	6:20 p.m.	armed robbery	\$96.40

Fires

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Cause
12/4	1400 block of Laurel	7:16 p.m.	\$500	washing machine

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
 Thefts less than \$400
 Vandalism
 Auto accidents
 Stolen vehicles

Arrests

1 Drunken driving
 7 Misdemeanor
 6 Warrants
 8
 1

Fire log

Medical calls 11
 Miscellaneous 8

Cycle class in Belmont

S.M. TIMES 1/13/84
BELMONT — The next session of the Mid-Peninsula Motorcycle Instruction Course will begin at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 2, at Ralston Intermediate School, Belmont Motorcycle Officer Brent Harnish, instructor, announced today.

The class is beginning its fourth year in which more than 700 riders have received instruction.

The class is sponsored by the Belmont and San Carlos police departments,

along with the California Highway Patrol. It consists of three riding and three classroom sessions. Motorcycles are provided by manufacturers, but participants must provide their own helmets. Fee for the course is \$65.

The first 20 applicants will be accepted, Harnish said. Information may be obtained from the Belmont Police Department.

Cause for no alarm for Belmont residents

Times Tribune staff

PEN. TIMES 4/13/84
Concern about frequent false alarms from burglar alarms has prompted Belmont to adopt an ordinance requiring a permit for home and business alarm systems.

"The lesson of the little boy who cried wolf can be applied to officers who regularly respond to false alarms," police Chief Floyd Sanderson said.

"Officers can acquire a casual attitude toward an alarm that is frequently false. A casual response when an alarm is genuine could be tragic," he said.

The ordinance requires a \$10 permit to operate an alarm. A fee of \$100 may be assessed if a system has more than three false alarms a year, Sanderson said.

If a system has six or more false alarms a year, the permit may be revoked. Operating an alarm after revocation of a permit may result in prosecution for a misdemeanor, Sanderson said.

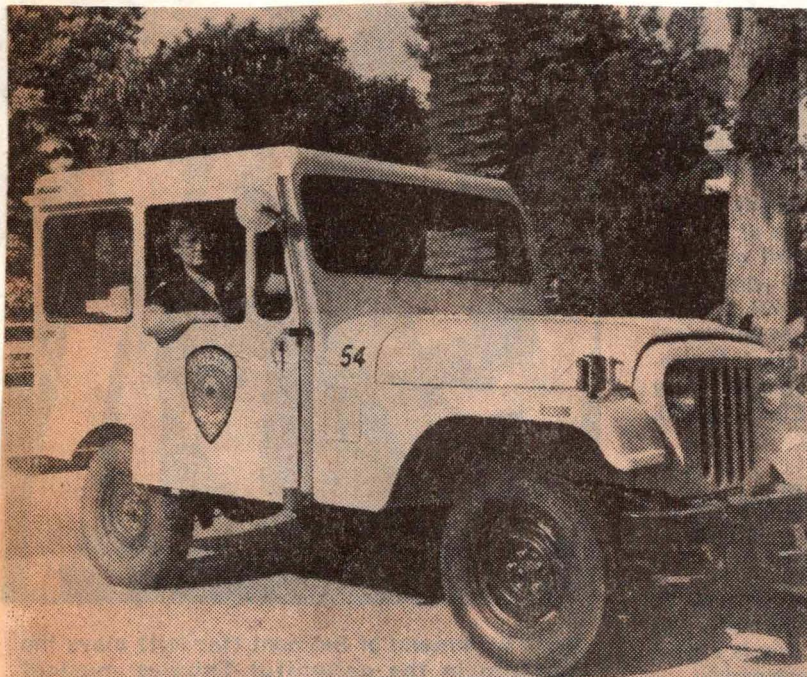
The penalties are similar to those of neighboring communities, he said.

Most alarm systems are of reasonably good quality and are sold by licensed dealers. Most false alarms are caused by misuse by their owners, Sanderson said.

False alarms cost the city \$12,000 in police response time, he said.

"The Police Department does not want to use the ordinance as a club. We want to emphasize the seriousness of the problem and point out its high monetary and nuisance costs," Sanderson said.

Alarm owners will be notified before the enforcement program begins, Sanderson said.



S.M. TIMES 3/21/84
SHE ENFORCES BELMONT'S PARKING

Belmont Police Department's Parking Enforcement Officer Judi Snodgrass sits in the new jeep which was recently purchased by police. Enforcement of time-zone parking in Belmont had been reduced in recent months while the department waited for delivery of its new vehicle and Chief Floyd Sanderson warned that parking enforcement in the downtown area will be intensified now.

Police say false alarms are costing Belmont \$12,000

S.M. TIMES 4/11/84

BELMONT — False alarms are plaguing the Police Department and costing the city at least \$12,000 a year, according to Police Chief Floyd D. Sanderson.

The City Council has responded by adopting an ordinance which requires a permit for every alarm system. The city will charge \$10 annually for each permit and if any alarm falsely activates more than three times in a single year, an extra \$100 fee will be assessed by the city.

The police chief pointed out that several cities on the Peninsula have similar ordinances governing alarm systems.

Sanderson said his officers are responding to so many false alarms that he fears they could become "overly

casual" to alarms at businesses and homes.

"The lesson that is learned from the story of the 'little boy who cried wolf' can be applied to officers who regularly respond to false alarms," Sanderson reported.

Belmont's new ordinance also states that if six or more alarms are falsely activated within a year the permit for the alarm system may be removed. Anyone who has an alarm system and does not get a permit from the city can be prosecuted for a misdemeanor, the police chief said.

Still, Sanderson said, "The Police Department does not want to use the new ordinance as a club; we want to emphasize the seriousness of the

problem of false alarms and point out the high cost of inefficiency of alarms that become a nuisance."

He noted that most alarm systems are of "reasonably good quality" and most alarm system dealers are competent.

Sanderson added that most false alarms are the fault of the user.

Belmont's police chief noted that in other communities where similar ordinances have been adopted, the number of false alarms has been significantly reduced.

More information on the new ordinance is available by calling the Belmont Police Department or the city's Belmont Business License Department.

How hypnotism helps police 'recreate' crimes

By Julie Dart

Times Tribune staff

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Lt. James Scales is tall and imposing — useful attributes for the 20-year member of the Belmont police force — and so bald that he jokes about shaving his head. His eyes light up and the words seem to tumble out when he talks about his job. In fact, his enthusiasm is almost ... well, almost mesmerizing.

It should be. In addition to his staff duties on the Belmont force, Scales, 54, is a forensic hypnotist. That is, he uses hypnotism to help victims and wit-

Belmont

nesses of crimes remember details that could help police nab the culprits.

Scales became a forensic hypnotist in 1979 after the Belmont Police Department used an outside hypnotist in several cases. "I realized there was nothing to it," he said, "so I went to the American Guild of Hypno-Therapists and learned how to do it myself." The department paid for the training, Scales said.

He said many people distrust hypnotism because they connect it with the occult or stage and television hypnotists. "That makes good press," Scales said, "but that's not what hypnotism is. If you substituted relaxation for hypnotism, that would be 85 percent of it."

Scales said hypnotism is not a form of sleep but an altered state of consciousness. "Think of a hole between your conscious and your unconscious thoughts. Tension and conscious thoughts block that hole. The hole expands when you're relaxed," he said.



Times Tribune staff photo by Joe Melena

Belmont police Lt. James Scales uses hypnotism to help witnesses and victims of crimes remember details that can help police apprehend suspects.

Scales uses hypnotism most often to get a victim or witness to remember what a criminal looked like or recall the license number of a car involved in a crime. He tells subjects to concentrate on relaxing, and, after they are under hypnosis, he "regresses" them to the time of the crime.

Subjects who are under hypnosis mentally relive the events in question and see details they have consciously forgotten, Scales said. But for some people, especially rape victims, the crime is too traumatic to relive, and Scales uses what he calls the "TV technique." He tells the subject she is watching the crime on television but is not a part of the scene herself. Scales also tells the subject she can freeze the action at any point, and he has her do so when the attacker appears on her "screen."

Scales asks the victim to look at the criminal, then describe him to a police artist who is at the session. He tells the victim to open her eyes, check the artist's drawing against the picture on the "screen" and tell the artist what changes to make.

Because the state Supreme Court has held prosecutors cannot use testimony of witnesses who have been hypnotized, Scales says he hypnotizes only "throwaway" witnesses.

"Say there is a victim and three witnesses. We'll hypnotize one and try to get a license plate number or description, then show it to the others," he said.

Police must corroborate all evidence they obtain under hypnosis before they use it in court, said Scales, who regrets that witnesses who have been hypnotized cannot take the stand. "Personally, I think it is a wonderful tool," he said.

In Belmont False Alarms Cost Money

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The City of Belmont just put into service this new parking enforcement vehicle. For the past several months, the Police Department has been using regular patrol cars for parking enforcement after the old vehicle was retired. Shoppers in the downtown area must be alert to the time zones because enforcement officers will be intensified, police said. Here, Judi Snodgrass, parking enforcement officer, is pictured with her new parking "jeep."

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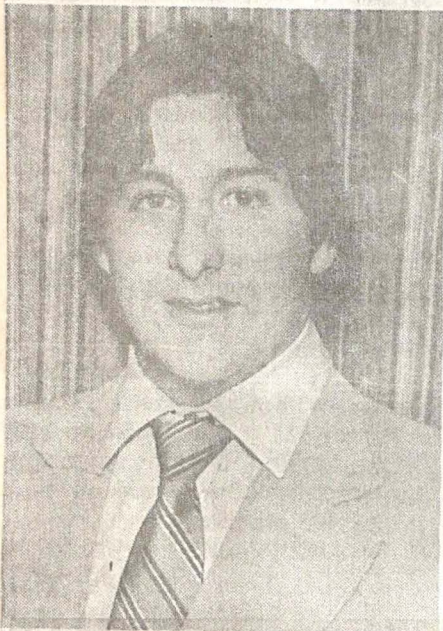
Belmont PD Reservists Receive Their Badges

Three Belmont residents received their badges as reserve officers for the Belmont Police Department at city council meeting.

Derrick Lee, 32, Jeffery Thompson, 22 and Kevin Daley, 22, increased the Belmont Police Re-

serve to 12 with their official appointment by Mayor William Moore.

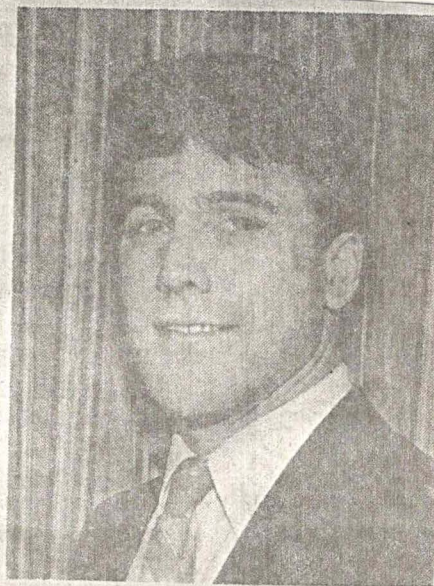
Reserve Police officers in Belmont are required to participate in scheduled training, firearms certification training, First Aid and CPR training on a regular basis.



JEFFREY THOMPSON



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Motorcycle instruction is offered in Belmont

S.M. TIMES 6/8/84

BELMONT — "Ninety percent of the people riding motorcycles have never had an opportunity to learn the right way," said Police Officer Brent Harnish. "That's why we offer a motorcycle instruction course."

The next session starts June 14 and signups are being taken now.

The course covers basic motorcycle control, clothing, and equipment such as helmets. It will assist students in obtaining their a motorcycle license and prepare them for safe and enjoyable riding, Harnish said.

Three classroom sessions will include movies and slides, and talks by Harnish and California Highway Patrol Officer Don Osterman.

Three riding sessions will be held in the College of San Mateo parking lot, and will provide up to 23 hours of riding experience for each student.

Motorcycles are provided by manufacturers, but students must bring their own helmets, Harnish said.

Students do not need to live in Belmont, but they must be at least 15

years of age. Those under 18 need parental permission.

There is a fee. Signups are now being accepted at Belmont police headquarters, 1215 Ralston Ave. Enrollment is limited to 20 riders.

Classroom sessions will be held Thursday evenings at Ralston Intermediate School, 2675 Ralston Ave. Riding sessions will be held on Sundays, with the class split to into morning and afternoon sessions.

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Police log

Vandalism
Stolen vehicles

12 Auto accidents
1

6

PEN. TIMES 6/13/84

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Residential burglaries

Date Location
6/4 2200 block Carlmont
6/9 500 block Crestview
6/10 2100 block Valerga

Time
1 p.m.-8:30 a.m.
midnight
unknown

Loss
computer
cash, jewelry
jewelry

Entry
unknown
pried window
unknown

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

2
1
2
6
3
10

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Grass fires
Miscellaneous

2
4
2
1
6

Arrests

Others

7

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BELMONT

Residential burglaries

Date Location
6/21 1800 block Mezes

Time
1:15 p.m.

Loss
\$65 in coins

Entry
unlocked house

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Auto accidents

3
2
4
10
7

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Grass fires
Miscellaneous

5
5
1
1
7

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

3
7

PEN. TIMES 7/4/84

BELMONT

Residential burglaries

Date Location
6/25 300 block Oxford
6/29 2100 block Valerga

Time
5:30-9:30 p.m.
10-11:30 p.m.

Loss
money
stereo

Entry
unknown
window smashed

Date Location

Time

Fires

Loss

Cause

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

0
1
6
1
9
0
8

Fire log

Fires under \$500 damage
Medical calls
False alarms
Grass fires
Miscellaneous

0
0
1
0
4

Arrests

Drunken driving
Others

0
9

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BELMONT Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
7/2	1000 block Ralston	10:35 a.m.	television, cash	unknown
7/4	600 block South	unknown	miscellaneous	garage door
7/6	2200 block Lake	unknown	tools, tool box	unknown

Police log

Burglary/non-residential
Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Stolen bicycles
Vandalism
Auto accidents

Fire log
1 Fires under \$500 damage
3 Medical calls
1 False alarms
1 Grass fires
5 Miscellaneous
10

Arrests

Drunken driving 2
Others 20

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BELMONT Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
7/12	400 block Middle	11 p.m. - 1 a.m.	television	smashed window
7/12	500 block Middle	10 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.	stereo, tapes	broke door latch
7/14	1500 block Folger	8:45 - 1 a.m.	television	removed window

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
7/13	1500 block Notre Dame	4:54 p.m.	assault	none

Police log

Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

Fire log
1 Fires under \$500 damage
6 Medical calls
6 False alarms
1 Grass fires
2 Miscellaneous

Arrests

Drunken driving 3
Others 4

PEN. TIMES 7/25/84

BELMONT Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
7/16	2400 block Coronet	midnight	\$300	no force
7/18	1000 block Continentals	1 p.m.	bank cards, \$100	no force

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
7/22	1-30 blk. Kimmie Court	12:30 a.m.	simple assault	none

Police log

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Thefts more than \$400
Thefts less than \$400
Vandalism
Stolen vehicles
Auto accidents

Fire log
2 Fires under \$500 damage
1 Medical calls
5 False alarms
6 Grass fires
1 Miscellaneous
15

Arrests

Drunken driving 1
Others 13

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BELMONT Residential burglaries

Date	Location	Time	Loss	Entry
7/25	1000 block Continentals	not disclosed	VCR, jewelry	not disclosed
7/29	2700 block Waltham Cross	not disclosed	not disclosed	not disclosed
7/29	1000 block Alameda	5:05 p.m.	table, typewriter	pried door

Date	Location	Time	Crime	Loss
7/23	516 El Camino Real	12:15 a.m.	aggravated assault	not disclosed
7/24	2415 Coronet	3:30 a.m.	assault/simple	not disclosed
7/24	314 Chesterton	10:55 p.m.	assault/simple	not disclosed

Police log

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Others 6

Belmont Police Promotes Officer

CARL ENQ. 7/25/84

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As a detective, Cinquini worked on follow-up investigations. With his promotion he will return to the patrol division to supervise and train new officers.

An 18-year veteran of the Belmont Police force, Cinquini was selected by the Belmont-San Carlos Exchange Club as the 1983 "Officer of the Year." He received the same distinction in 1983 from the Redwood City Elks Club Lodge 1991.

In addition to being a skilled officer in evidence collection and processing, Cinquini developed the department's photo processing laboratory - saving the city hundreds of dollars a year.

"It is a pleasure to promote Floyd," said Belmont Police Chief Floyd Anderson.

"He has truly earned his promotion with consistent effort over a long period of time (and) will give the younger officers a wealth



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Riding carefully

Motorcyclists riding in heavy traffic must use every skill to avoid an accident, according to Belmont Police Officer Brent Harnish, coordinator of the Mid-Peninsula Motorcycle Instruction Course. Those interested in safety instruction may call Belmont Police. August is national motorcycle safety awareness month with programs aimed at reducing accidents.

Serious crime drops during

By Jeff Brazil
and Ruthann Richter

Times Tribune staff

PEN. TIMES 9/5/84

A new state survey shows that serious crime continues to be on the decline throughout California, with a marked decrease reported by the two largest Peninsula agencies surveyed — the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.

On a statewide level, major crime was off by 5.6 percent in the first six months of 1984, compared

with the same period last year, according to newly released figures from the state Bureau of Criminal Statistics.

"I'm not a bit surprised," said Santa Clara County Sheriff Bob Winter. "We've got more people in jail today than ever before. I know we complain about overcrowding in the jails but when the crooks are in jail, crime goes down."

The figures show that among the six major reported crimes, only aggravated assaults statewide were on the rise — by 2 percent.

The down trend was even more pronounced in

first half of year

Sunnyvale and unincorporated Santa Clara County, included in the report because they have populations of 100,000 or more.

According to the figures, Sunnyvale experienced a 14.8 percent decrease in serious crime between January and June — from 2,329 to 1,985 reported incidents. A marked decline was reported for aggravated assaults, down 42.9 percent, and for larcenies and thefts, down 17.3 percent.

Only the number of arsons in the community was reported to be on the rise.

Sunnyvale Chief Jess Barba attributed the de-

crease in his city to a "willing and active public."

"It's not just the officers," Barba said. "We have citizens here who are eager and willing to assist us."

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department experienced a 17.5 percent decrease in serious crime during the same period — from 2,157 to 1,780 incidents, the figures indicate.

Burglaries in the unincorporated areas of the county were down by 27.1 percent, while major

people setting fires to garbage dumpsters," he said.

Though 1984 is the fourth year in a row that California crime has fallen off, state Attorney General John Van de Kamp cautioned against "undue optimism." He noted that overall crime in the state had risen 260 percent between 1952 and 1983.

"...despite the encouraging numbers of the past few years," he said in a statement. "Crime is still a disheartening fact of life in California, and is still intolerably high."

The attorney general added that the steady decrease of the past four years can be explained by a variety of factors, ranging from community awareness programs to stiffer sentencing.

"Stiffer sentencing laws have resulted in higher rates of incarceration, and crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch have had a major impact in reducing the burglary rate," he said.

Another factor, Van de Kamp said, is that many crimes are committed by young people, and there aren't as many young people now as there were in years when the "baby boom" was growing up.

He also cited improved police training, programs aimed at taking repeat offenders off the street, better use of law enforcement resources and anti-crime programs within individual agencies as factors contributing to the decline.

"All of these factors add up to one overriding phenomenon: a prevailing public attitude increasingly hostile to criminality," he said.

thefts were down by 16.4 percent. Increases were reported only in the number of rapes, motor vehicle thefts and aggravated assaults.

Combined statistics from the Santa Clara and San Mateo County Sheriff's Departments and seven local police departments — Atherton, Belmont, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Redwood City and San Carlos — indicate that the statewide down trend in serious crimes is true locally, as well.

Overall, statistics from those local agencies indicate a 14 percent drop in the total number of robberies and an 18 percent decrease in auto thefts.

Burglary, across the board, has fallen off most significantly, according to statistics.

In San Carlos, for instance, the number of burglaries is down over 42 percent — from 137 to 79. Redwood City's 278 burglaries represents a decrease of over 30 percent from last year's halfway mark of 399.

Locally, slight increases were reported for only aggravated assault and arson.

In Redwood City, Lt. Robert La Berge said a seemingly dramatic increase of arson cases this year — from four to 18 — can be accounted for by "a rash of

Comparing crime

PEN. TIMES 9/5/84

The amount of crime in Peninsula cities for the first six months of 1984 is lower than it was in the first six months of 1983. A city-by-city rundown, listing the crime, the 1983 figure and the 1984 figure:

Atherton			Burglary			207	154	Arson			2	3
Homicide	0	0	Motor vehicle theft	631	474	Total			554	453		
Rape	2	0	Larceny/theft	36	25							
Robbery	2	1	Arson	3	2							
Aggravated assault	3	1	Total	942	723							
Burglary	16	26	MOUNTAIN VIEW									
Motor vehicle theft	1	2	Homicide	0	1							
Larceny/theft	16	11	Rape	13	12							
Arson	0	0	Robbery	21	22							
Total	40	41	Aggravated Assault	33	52							
BELMONT			Burglary	250	218							
Homicide	1	2	Motor vehicle theft	71	76							
Rape	2	1	Larceny/theft	1,273	1,248							
Robbery	6	6	Total	1,661	1,629							
Aggravated Assault	6	10	PALO ALTO									
Burglary	102	71	UNAVAILABLE									
Motor vehicle theft	29	15	REDWOOD CITY									
Larceny/theft	57	55	Homicide	0	1							
Total	203	160	Rape	9	8							
LOS ALTOS			Robbery	48	51							
Homicide	0	0	Aggravated Assault	142	155							
Rape	1	2	Burglary	399	278							
Robbery	10	3	Motor vehicle theft	119	82							
Aggravated Assault	29	25	Larceny/theft	1,006	779							
Burglary	136	117	Arson	4	18							
Motor vehicle theft	9	11	Total	1,727	1,372							
Larceny/theft	242	193	SAN CARLOS									
Arson	1	0	Homicide	0	1							
Total	428	351	Rape	1	1							
MENLO PARK			Robbery	14	5							
Homicide	1	0	Aggravated Assault	73	41							
Rape	2	1	Burglary	137	79							
Robbery	23	23	Motor vehicle theft	10	14							
Aggravated Assault	39	44	Larceny/theft	317	309							

CARL ENG. 12/5/84

According to Captain Don Davis, "residents don't understand what we are trying to do—they think we are harassing them!"

The current effort is in keeping with Belmont's attempts to clear away abandoned vehicles, open sidewalks to pedestrians and outlaw people who are living in their vans parked on city streets.

None of these things are unreasonable demands on the citizenry; rather, these efforts will result in a cleaner, safer city.

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Scales is credited with starting the Neighborhood Watch program in Belmont in 1981 and a crime-prevention course at Canada College, with outstanding contribution to the community, and with being a leader in forensic hypnosis.

Since becoming a registered hypnotist in 1978, he has been recognized a number of times by other San Mateo County police departments for helping to solve crimes by using hypnotism.

Scales is a graduate of the FBI police academy. He holds peace officer training certificates and a teacher's credential for police science.

He is a member of the Belmont Lions and San Mateo Elks clubs, the International Footprint Association, the San Mateo County Crime Prevention Bureau, California Association of Police Training Officers, the International Association of Identification, Law Enforcement

Association of Records Super
sors, Homicide Investigators
society, Peninsula Pea
Officers and the Internatio
Society of Investigative and
rensic Hypnosis.

Members of the department are planning dinner to honor Scales on Nov. 16. The time and place will be announced.

City may use trail bikes to police lake

Times Tribune staff

"That (proposal) is totally inadequate," Councilman William Moore said. "We have had a murder down there. I know people deal dope and drink down there. My feeling is that people will see a police car and disappear into the brush."

"It is absolutely ridiculous to think that having a police cruiser going through there is going to do anything to stop crime," Hoffman said.

After the stabbing death of 12-year-old Lance Turner earlier this month, Sanderson proposed that police patrols be increased on Lake Road, the dirt road that leads to the

But Moore and Hoffman said police should be there to catch criminals, not just frighten them.

The council directed Sanderson to consider other means of reducing crime in the area, including the suggestion that off-road vehicles be purchased to patrol the trails leading from Lake Road. The council will discuss the issue again at its next meeting Nov. 5.

Water Dog Lake, also known as Notre Dame Lake, is tucked away in a secluded section of Belmont east of Alameda de las Pulgas and south of Ralston Avenue. It is surrounded by about 100 acres of brush-covered hills and canyons.

The lake for years has been known as a hangout for teen-agers. Parts of the area frequently are littered with beer cans and other ref-

In the last two weeks, two off-road vehicles have been used to patrol the area. The three-wheeled vehicles are owned by two police reserve officers who donated their time to the effort to find Lance's attacker.

Police Department should consider purchasing off-road vehicles to patrol the area. The vehicles could be used on the dirt trails leading from

City Manager Edward Everett, in support of Sanderson, said he did not believe off-road vehicles would be any more effective in patrolling the area than squad cars.

"I know it's an emotional issue. But I don't think a dirt bike will make it up and down those canyons," Everett said.

Access to the lake is gained by Lake Road or any of several dirt trails from surrounding residential areas.

Lance was walking to the lake on a dirt trail leading from Ralston Intermediate School when he was slain Oct. 2. His killer remains at large.

The slaying has left Belmont residents shaken and the council concerned about the safety of those who still visit the recreation area.

Belmont may beef up police security at Water

By Phyllis Brown
Times Tribune staff

PEN. TIMES 10/23/84

The Belmont City Council tonight will consider intensifying police coverage of the secluded Water Dog Lake area, where 12-year-old Lance Turner was stabbed to death earlier this month, in an effort to make the area safer for the children who still roam and play there.

In addition, the council will consider having police conduct a public

Residents fear for children since 12-year-old's murder

safety program in the schools, making presentations in class on precautions students should take when heading toward Water Dog Lake, as well as other remote areas of the city. The presentations would include full lesson plans and films on personal safety. Parents and teachers eventually would be included in those efforts.

Police already have stepped up patrols of the area in response to the brutal stabbing that has left Belmont deeply shaken.

Motorcycle officers are making daily random checks along Lake Road and in remote areas off the road.

Additional signs, warning that alcoholic beverages are prohibited,

have been posted at the entrances to the area.

But, because Water Dog Lake is surrounded by at least 100 acres of remote brushland, the most promising proposal may be efforts to make residents more aware of the dangers of venturing alone into remote areas.

Police also will request special equipment to make it easier for them to patrol the canyons and hilly areas that now are hard to reach.

The greatest enforcement problems will be in the spring and summer, when kids go to the area more often, Police Chief Floyd Sanderson said.

Sanderson noted that what happened at Water Dog Lake could

Belmont's police cars getting new color scheme and new logo

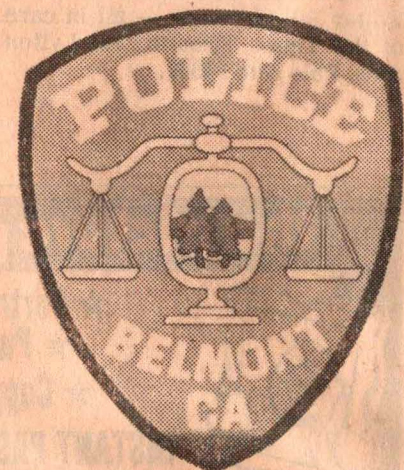
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PEN. TIMES 10/28/84

Belmont residents probably won't recognize the city Police Department squad cars that will be patrolling the streets. The Police Department last week changed the color scheme and the logo for city patrol cars.

Police vehicles in Belmont for decades had been solid white, as are the ones in neighboring San Carlos and San Mateo. The new color scheme for patrol cars is black and white, like the familiar color scheme of California Highway Patrol squad cars.

The new color scheme was selected by a committee of police officers, who decided the traditional colors would make Belmont patrol



vehicles more easily identifiable, Capt. Don Davis said.

"After several months of deliberations the committee recommend-

ed that we return to the traditional black and white. Belmont has white public works and parks and recreation vehicles. We chose a color that would make the police vehicles easily distinguishable from other city vehicles," Davis said.

The Belmont Police Department logo for years carried the city seal that touts Belmont as the "hub of the Peninsula."

The old logo carried a schematic map of the Peninsula on it with Belmont, showing Belmont's proximity to surrounding cities.

The new design includes the scales of justice on them with two pines, representing the two pines in Twin Pines Park, as a background.

During the meeting, the council also is scheduled to receive from San Bruno a \$500 contribution to the reward fund for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Lance's assailant.

"Action has merit, not only for the Water Dog Lake area, but for many of the open space, canyon and hill areas within the city where we currently do not have access," Sanderson said.

happen in other areas of the city.

Dog Lake



S.M. TIMES 10/31/84 BLACK AND WHITE IS BACK

The Belmont Police Department has put into service its first "new look" patrol car, a 1985 Ford which sports a traditional black-and-

white color scheme and the new police logo on the door. For the past 12 years the department's patrol cars have been all white.

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Child's murder leads to safety sugge

SM-TIMES 10/24/84

By ALAN QUALE
Times Staff Writer

BELMONT — Because of the recent murder of 12-year-old Lance Turner near Ralston School, the City School District has initiated several safety measures for school children.

Police have not arrested a suspect in the fatal stabbing of the 12-year-old boy whose body was discovered Oct. 2 in a wooded area near Water Dog Lake. A \$44,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant.

In a letter to parents, Belmont Schools Superintendent Ronald Gilpatrick said, "This event has caused all of us to review our school procedures with respect to school security, student protection, child abuse and street safety."

The superintendent said the district is doing the following:

- All teachers have been asked to reinforce common-sense rules for students on how to deal with strangers, strange cars, walking directly home, avoiding isolated and secluded areas and having students walk to and from school in pairs or groups.

- The district is securing films which address the issue of student safety. The films will be shown at all schools in the district.

- Staff has been asked to be especially alert to the presence of strangers on school grounds and to call the district office immediately if



WALKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL

(Times Photo by Mike Russell)

Crossing Guard Dominic James escorts Barbara Butera and her daughter, Gina, across Hallmark Drive in Belmont where

the City School District recently initiated new safety programs for students.

a child does not return to class on time.

- An outdoor pay telephone is being installed at Ralston School for public use in case of emergencies.

- School officials are meeting with the Belmont

Police Department to discuss how to increase safety for children in their neighborhoods.

- School officials also are formulating a program to increase safety for students at bus loading areas.

- The district has provided, and will continue to provide, counseling services to students and families who, because of the murder of Lance Turner, are having difficulty coping with the situation.

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defensive strategies for handling encounters with aggressive strangers.

In Gilpatrick's letter to parents he added, "We are going to need your cooperation. There are things you can and should do if we are to provide the greatest measure of protection and safety for your children." The superintendent suggested that parents do the following:

- Review home rules for children concerning how they should react to strangers, answering door bells, entering cars, etc. Parents should review these rules frequently, especially with young children.

- Parents should make an ironclad rule that children never walk alone into any secluded or wooded area.

- Parents should review with their children the walking paths to and from school and make sure the path does not contain short cuts through fields or areas not easily seen from streets.

- If children ride bicycles the parents should have the bikes checked out for safety such as the brakes, gears and handlebars.

- Parents should help their children find friends with whom to walk to and from school.

- The district has received some complaints from SamTrans bus drivers who have said some students are behaving poorly. Parents should emphasize proper behavior for their children on the bus.

BELMONT—A management reorganization of Police Department has been announced by Chief Floyd Sanderson following the Oct. 31 resignation of Lt. James Scales, commander of support services and investigations.

Investigations have been reassigned to the operations division led by Capt. Don Davis, a 25-year veteran with the department.

The division includes patrol, traffic, juvenile and adult investigations, reserves, and special activities including field training, evidence technician and photography.

Lt. Joseph Pierucci, former head of patrol and operations, has been named to support services including communications, civil defense, management information, property, crime prevention, training, legal and municipal court liaison.

The changes have been in effect since Nov. 1.

Sanderson said further changes may be forthcoming, but not immediately.

There will be no attempt to replace Scales directly, he said.

Police goin' to the dogs?

Canine patrol replaced

CARL ENP 12/12/84
By Steven Stark

Has officer recognition gone to the dogs?

In Belmont, where the police officers association has requested and the city council has approved that funds earmarked for a special officer recognition program be used to purchase, train and equip two K-9 dogs, the answer is a resounding NO.

"The best way to recognize us is to give us the tools to do the job," officer Patrick Halloran said shortly after the Nov. 27 city council decision.

Halloran, a four-year veteran of the Belmont P.D., will be one of the two officers assigned to the police dogs. Fellow officer Michael Speak will be assigned the other dog, according to police officials.

During the budget review process in June, the police department budget eliminated the K-9 program due to the retirement of the pair of dogs that served the division, according to Floyd Sanderson, chief of police.

It was at that time representatives of the Belmont Police Officers Association approached their chief on reinstating the program, at the expense of a newly-budgeted Service Excellence Program. This program, funded at \$3,500 in discretionary funds, was to recognize exceptional work performed by individual officers.

With council approval of the purchase, training and equipping of the K-9 pair, the city will spend \$8,740 the first year and approximately \$3,500 every year thereafter. To help defray the initial costs, the police association will forego their service excellence recognition program, freeing those funds for the K-9 program.

Sanderson said the dogs should make their debut by early February.

As for officer recognition for excellent service, Sanderson said he fully intends to keep a semblance of the program alive.

"In-house recognition should go on, and we're still going to pursue some sort of officer recognition program, if on a less grandiose fashion," the chief said.

The dogs have been praised by police officers as an additional security measure in cases of building searches and as an aid in tracking suspects and as an instructional tool in the city schools.

"We looked at the recognition program; we looked at the K-9 program—and we decided what we wanted most," Halloran said.

In other council action:

- the purchase of two off-road dirt bikes was approved for police use in accessing remote areas throughout the city.

The purchases were spearheaded by the October murder of 12 year-old Lance Turner at remote Water Dog Lake.

- an urgency ordinance, effective immediately, was un-

- the rezoning of 39 sites citywide was adopted to meet state law that city zoning conform with the city general plan. There was little public dissent at city council public hearings held Nov. 13, with most objections and modifications aired at the planning commission stage.

animously adopted, outlawing the use of any motor vehicle parked on city streets, to be used as a place of residence, enforceable between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- Mike Davis was appointed to serve a two-year term to the city Recreation and Parks Commission.

The Belmont city council next meets Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in council chambers, 1365 Fifth Ave.

Belmont's Water Dog Lake:

Will it ever be the same?

By Loretta Green

Times Tribune staff

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE MELIEN
10/14/83

The last nature scenes 12-year-old Lance Turner and 16-year-old Robert Jaurigui saw before they died at Water Dog Lake were probably beautiful.

Only the boys' deaths marred the lake's beauty, and local residents say they will never forget the tragedies.

Lance was stabbed to death Oct. 2 as he lingered near the lake before soccer practice. Robert drowned in the murky lake in August 1983.

While Robert's death was tragic, it was Lance's death that shocked and frightened citizens. Although some say they will continue to use its tree-lined trails, others say the lake's peacefulness has been marred forever.

Dianna Sheehan, 23, a Stanford University business school program assistant, lived her teen-age years in Belmont and often visited the area with friends. Although they now live in Mountain View, she and her husband, Jack, have continued to use

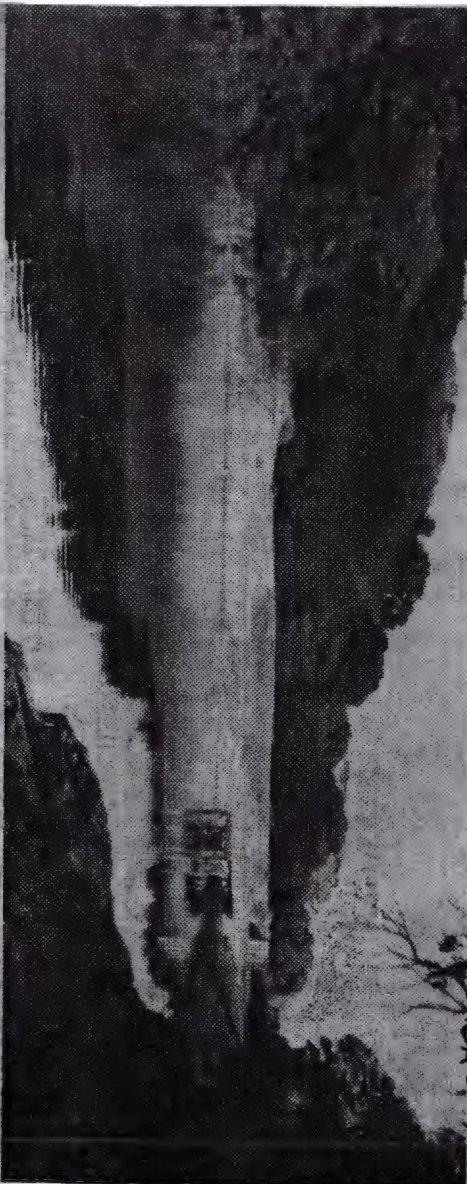
the lake area, usually stopping at her mother's Belmont house to pick up the dog.

"I used to go when I was about 16 because it was so nice," she said. "There was a rope swing there that we would swing on. Now I hear that was the one he (Lance) was going to."

Sheehan said she had never regarded the lake area as dangerous. Now, she says, friends in Belmont have told her they

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The tranquility of Water Dog Lake in Belmont has been marred — the minds of Peninsula residents by recent tragedies in the area.

Times Tribune staff photo by Joe Melien

Safety measures taken:

Belmont officials step up patrols at Water Dog Lake

CARL ENO 10/17/84
With police still seeking the perpetrator of the brutal stabbing death of 12-year-old Lance Turner, steps are being taken to make the remote Water Dog Lake area in the hills back of Belmont safer.

Under the direction of the Belmont City Council, police and public works officials are endeavoring to make the canyon more accessible to emergency vehicles and to insure that the area is patrolled more frequently.

The access road along the canyon, extending from Carlmont High School to Hallmark Drive, is being widened for the emergency vehicles, according to Public Works department supervisor John Hopkins. All roads in the area will remain off-limits to ordinary traffic.

Hopkins said city personnel are in the area "at least once a week" for trash removal and to check the water retention dam at the lake. Sewer lines running along the canyon are checked also on a regular basis, Hopkins added.

Police have been requested by the city council to patrol

the area more often.

"A few less tickets along El Camino Real and Ralston Avenue (in exchange for) safety and to clean up the lake area will be well worth (the traffic fine money lost)," Councilman Bob Hoffman said during the meeting.

Councilman Joe Green concurred with Hoffman, adding, "we've got to step up surveillance in the area at any cost."

Citizen complaints of loud partying and beer drinking in the lake area and rumors of drug sales occurring at the site added to the urgency of securing the area following the murder of young Turner on Oct. 2.

Police are still seeking a chubby youth with pock marks or acne on his face and dirty blond hair falling over the eyes for questioning. The youth, believed to be from 16 to 19 years old is wanted only for questioning in the incident. Teachers and students at the Ralston Intermediate School said the youth was in the area at the time of the murder. See page 2.

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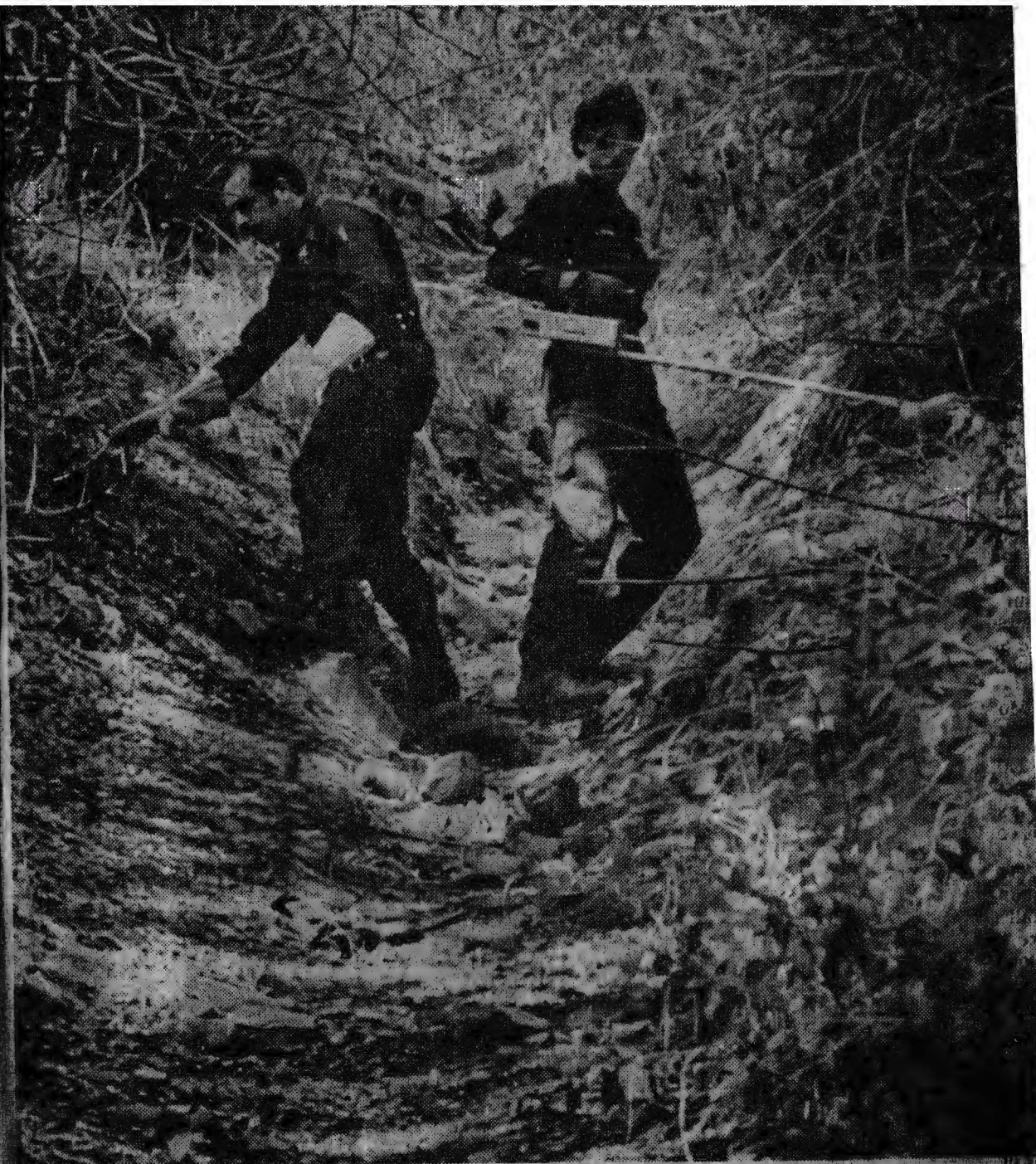
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The tranquility of Water Dog Lake has been replaced by policemen using metal detectors in
their search for clues in the murder of 12-year-old Lance Turner. Belmont police officers Don
Mattei (left) and Joe Farmer search the brush around the lake in vain.

will not visit the area again.

"I don't really think Jack and I would go now, either," she said. "It has kind of ruined the whole thing. It used to be a great place, but I think it has been marred for us."

The lake, whose formal name is Notre Dame Lake, is secluded and accessible primarily by a mile-long walk along an unpaved, single-lane dirt road off Lyall Road. There are several other paths, including the one below Ralston Intermediate School that Lance took the day of his death.

Belmont school board trustee Jo De Luca lives along the rim of the huge canyon that surrounds the lake. Her living-room window is in a direct line of sight to where Lance was slain.

"All of us who live around here can hear the cheering and laughing and all the fun on the school ground all the time," she said. "I don't understand why no one heard him because he must have screamed. I talked to the principal and he told me that the wind was really howling that day. That, plus the kids playing, may have camouflaged any screaming."

De Luca said her three children have gone to the lake as part of organized nature groups but were never allowed to go down independently. It is not that the lake area had a dangerous reputation, she explained, but that it is so secluded. For that reason, she and her husband always have hiked down together, too, rather than separately.

"The lake has always been secure and peaceful to those of us who live around it," De Luca said.

"This has severely shaken us because it has invaded our lives in a very personal way.

"We have all been unalterably changed by what has happened. We have all suffered this tragedy in common. It is like we have all lost a child together and there is



Times Tribune staff photo by Joe Melend

The rope swing once again has been removed from this tree near Water Dog Lake. Lance Turner was going to play on the swing the day he was murdered.

the lake."

Estep said Ralston's death was not caused by a heart attack while swimming, as history has noted. A coroner testified that no water was found in his lungs so Mrs. Ralston could collect \$60,000 in life insurance and live with her children in the gardener's cottage.

"Ralston committed suicide," Estep said. "Everyone knows that. He had a habit of swimming at the marina in the Bay, but this day he gave his belongings — his watch, hat, coat — to people standing around. Then he swam way out and disappeared and they had to fish him out."

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gone to play on the rope swing for a few minutes before soccer practice.

Iffla, who was reared in Belmont and San Carlos, said he never went to the lake as a young child, but did go numerous times as a teenager in the early 1980s.

"I think the lure at that time was that it was unsupervised," he said. "It was a nice place to go where nobody would bother you. When I went, mostly boys went. I don't recall seeing girls there. We would get a hold of a beer or liquor and sometimes we'd smoke. You did whatever you thought you wanted to do and not be seen doing it. Then, it was just a place the guys hung around."

Iffla has two boys, aged 13 and 4. He is certain his 13-year-old would not go to the lake again now, and he believes most of the children who knew Lance have developed a fear of the area.

Water Dog Lake originally was created by William C. Ralston, for whom one of Belmont's main thoroughfares is named. Ralston, known for giving lavish parties, had it created when he had difficulty getting enough water for his 50-bedroom house.

His was an estate of 50 acres reported to have had silver-plated doorknobs, imported French-cut glass doors, opera-box balconies, Turkish baths, croquet grounds, a bowling alley, a gymnasium and stables with silver and pearl fixtures and carved wood paneling.

Russ Estep, the City Council-appointed historian for Belmont, is a man who can tell the colorful story of the city like a talking history book. Estep will be 81 Tuesday and has lived in Belmont all his life.

To get water, Ralston is reported to have drilled down 575 feet to hit an underground stream that supplied only a gallon and a half a minute.

The property later was acquired by Ralston's partner, William Sharon, whom Estep referred to as "a stinker," because he forced Ralston into bankruptcy during an embezzlement scandal. Ralston died

ty from the College of Notre Dame for \$1 a year. Water from the Ralston School and surrounding acreage drains into the lake.

Although there have been a few other tragic drownings through the years, the lake and the surrounding properties have been mostly a tranquil setting for hiking, jogging and sunning.

Despite the recent tragedies, many people still use the lake area.

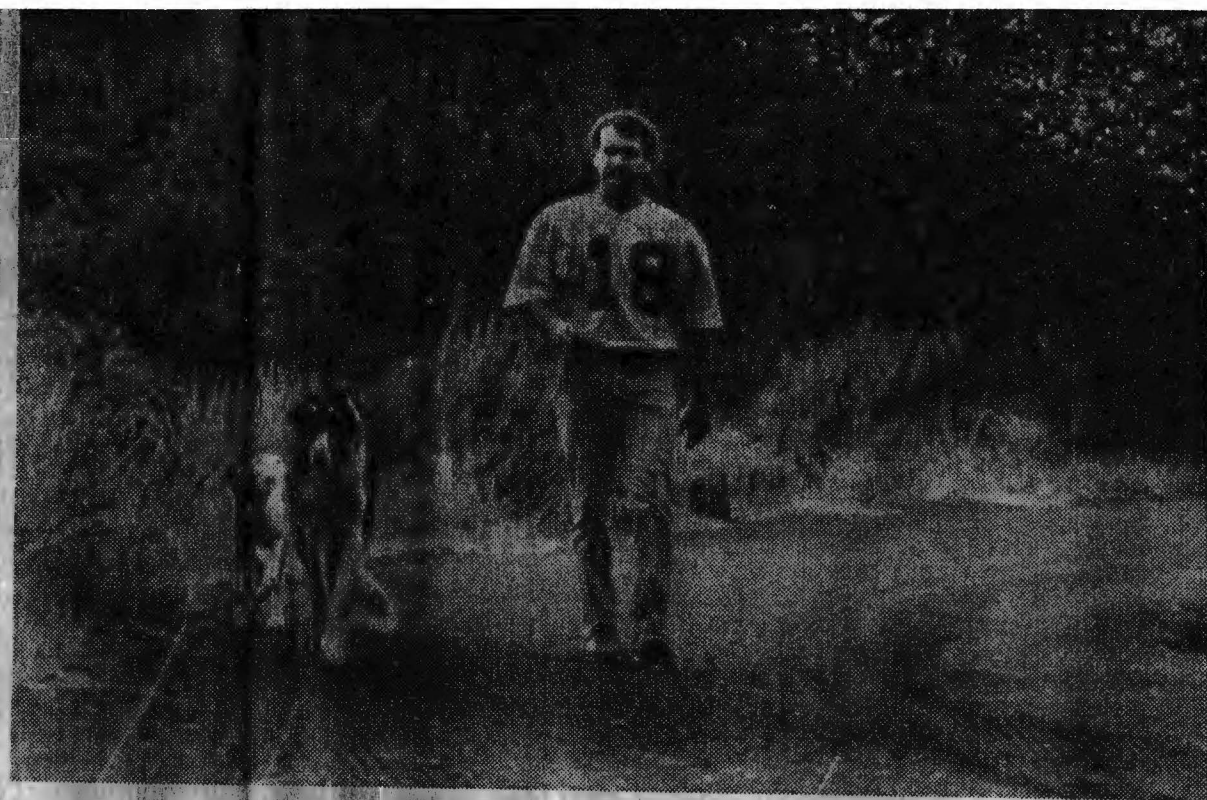
Along Lyall Way last week, several joggers puffed by and several people were walking during the pre-noon hour.

Charles and Linda Nemish, who live on the edge of the park, were strolling with Maggie, their golden retriever.

"We will continue to use the trail," said Nemish, a United Airlines pilot. "We have decided that we won't let it (the murder) frighten us. I must admit that I'm a little more worried when I am out on a trip, but we've talked about it and Linda will continue to use it."

Nemish said he vividly recalls the Jaurigui tragedy also.

"I remember the exact spot



Allan Lambert, 22, who has been going to Water Dog Lake since his childhood, says he does not feel unsafe in the area,

despite the recent murder, and borzois there for walks.

Belmont will miss him:

Lt. James Scales retires from force

Pain and joy remembered

CARL EMD. 11/21/84
By Steven Stark

"There's a great deal of pleasure in providing a service," Belmont Police Lieutenant James Scales said the other day. "Serving one's fellow man is not only honorable, it's something to be proud of."

Lt. Scales referred to the profession of peace officer and the feelings of those who have chosen it, during a breakfast meeting. Various police officers of the area dropped in on their coffee breaks at a local shop and stopped to talk.

Service.

During the past 20 years of service to the City of Belmont and to police departments nationwide, service is key to describing the kind of job the recently retired policeman has performed.

A San Francisco native who knew what he wanted to be a policeman since his late teens, Scales' career accomplishments read like a register of certification and affiliation.

"I've always been a joiner," he said modestly, in answer to how he found the time to cram his career, his higher education achievements and his community service organization memberships into the same lifetime.

is so exhaustive that Mayor William Hardwick was forced to pause midway in reading them aloud at a recent ceremony of commendation to ask, "What do you do in your free time?"

The question seemed to be as good a starting point as any for conversation—but the Lieutenant was hard pressed to think of any spare moments.

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and fell on the Belmont Police Department.

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Among his many affiliations, Scales has been a member of the Belmont Lion's Club for more than 15 years. During that time he was a force in the creation of O'Donnell Park.

He belongs to numerous law enforcement associations and serves as an instructor in the reserve officer training program at the College of San Mateo.

Belmont residents are sleeping more comfortably these nights as a result of Scales' introduction of a neighborhood watch program. Following its establishment in 1981, a 60 percent reduction in residential burglaries has been recorded.

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"The only people who make a damn in this cop and robber thing is the patrolman," Scales said. "The brass is the liaison to the city and the public. The brass is also the guys who get all the recognition, but don't let that fool you on where the real work is being done."

The real work, Scales implied by way of anecdote, seems one packed with kudos and curses.

"When I first came on (Sept. 1964) I got a call over the radio that a kid was drowning in a bathtub. He happened to be right next door, and I was in the right place at the right time (to save him). No big deal. Anyway, the mom thought the sun rose

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"If the cop realizes that, he won't lose his cool," Scales added.

"I've been real fortunate. I've always been able to talk people out of using the guns they've had pointed at me," he said. "Outwardly, I don't show stress. I've got a real long fuse and it takes a lot to get me mad."

"Just like happiness and sorrow, consideration and calmness are contagious. Simply put, your actions are a great influence on others—and vice versa."

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"A good cop is also a good psychologist—he deals with abnormal behavior 24 hours a day. When does any dealing with a policeman not represent a stressful situation? The paraphernalia of the job alone promotes abnormal behavior."

"Even on a cop's off-hours, he's still dealing with abnormal behavior. People know he's a cop—they act differently, because they either have done something, at some time, illegal, or they know someone who has. So an officer is dealing with abnormal behavior all the time, and he has to get adept at dealing with it."

In a profession where the cutting edge of success and failure often mixes with pain and suffering of the victims, policemen are in the position

of being human in an often inhuman job.

"A cop never gets used to the deaths or to people treating you differently," Scales said as yet another well-wisher approached the table. Through the meeting others had dropped by the table.

Lighting another filterless cigarette (he self-hypnotizes himself bi-annually to quit for half a year) Scales emphasized, poignantly, "Cops have feelings, too, but he has a job to do, and everyone looks to him for their cue in a situation.

"So, he either goes off to the bushes to puke his guts up, or he waits until his shift is over. A cop's feeling have to wait until after the job is done."

"We joke in morbid humor to relieve the stress. People think cops are hard and callous—but they don't realize it's just a macho escape."

Crinkling his forehead while holding his head in his hands, briefly, Scales' body language betrayed the pressures on the working officer of the frustrations that occur with unsolved cases.

It's a job where 80 percent of all evidence and the possibility of solving a case can go down the tubes the first 72 hours following a crime.

"The public thinks it's easy to solve crimes—they have this 'Dick Tracy Syndrome' because so many things are solved in an hour on television. What they don't understand, or realize, is that many hours

condensed into that hour show.

"There are so many cases that simply can't be solved—there are dead ends despite the hundreds of leads investigated.

"We follow up on every lead," Scales said.